

Weekly Status & Information Report: September 24 - 28, 2012

1. Official City Meetings Scheduled the Week of October 1, 2012:

- City Council meeting, Monday, October 1, 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium
- City Manager Selection Task Force, Tuesday, October 2, 7:30 p.m. in the Azalea Room

All meetings are held in the Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue, and are open to the public unless noted otherwise. (City Clerk)

2. Street Resurfacing Schedule: Street resurfacing work will begin the week of October 1 through October 12 on Tulip Avenue, Willow Avenue, Spruce Avenue, Valley View Avenue and Maple Avenue. Eastern Paving will be performing the work on behalf of Washington Gas. The paving work was required to repair the streets in the areas where the gas line work took place. The schedule provided to the City is as follows:

- Monday, Oct 1, milling Tulip Avenue between Carroll and Maple
- Tuesday, Oct 2, milling Willow Avenue between Tulip and Carroll, and milling Spruce Avenue between Tulip and Park
- Wednesday, Oct 3, milling Willow Avenue between Tulip and Valley View, milling Valley View between Spruce and Maple
- Thursday, October 4, milling Maple Avenue between Eastern and Philadelphia,
- Friday, October 5, completion of any remaining milling work, may start paving
- Monday, Oct 8, paving Tulip Avenue between Carroll and Maple
- Tuesday, Oct 9, paving Willow Avenue between Tulip and Carroll, and paving Spruce Avenue between Tulip and Park
- Wednesday, Oct 10, paving Willow Avenue between Tulip and Valley View, paving Valley View between Spruce and Maple
- Thursday, October 11, paving Maple Avenue between Eastern and Philadelphia,
- Friday, October 12, completion of any remaining paving

Access to these streets during the work will be difficult and drivers are asked to find alternate routes when possible. The contractor will post no parking on each street for the days when milling and paving is planned. Weather or equipment difficulties can alter the schedule. The paving contractor is required to provide traffic control and flagmen to facilitate vehicle access or restriction during the work. It is advisable to avoid driving on these streets if possible during the work. (Public Works)

3. A New Chief in Town: On Monday, October 1, 2012, at 6:45 p.m., Alan Goldberg will be sworn in as Takoma Park's Chief of Police in the Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium, 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland 20912. From 7:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., there will be a short reception to allow residents to greet the new Chief. This reception will take place on the 2nd floor right outside the Auditorium. There will be light refreshments. (Public Information Officer)

4. Festival of Mexican Dance and Folklore - TOMORROW: Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month in Takoma Park this Saturday, September 29 at the Festival of Mexican Dance and Folklore! Considered one of the most stunning and culturally rich dance expressions of its kind, Mexican folk dance has been a defining element of Mexico's popular culture. As you will discover on Saturday, each region and state in Mexico has a dance style that reflects its own unique customs and traditions. The festivities begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium and include performances from six regional dance companies. Free Admission. <http://www.facebook.com/TakomaParkMD/events> (Housing and Community Development)

5. Scribblers Cabal: Join us Saturday, September 29, for an informal drawing session with Dave Burbank at our monthly "Scribblers Cabal" from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the children's room. No registration necessary. (Library)

6. Bedtime Stories: Babies, toddlers, preschoolers and their grown-ups are welcome join us on Monday, October 1 at 7:00 p.m. for our monthly "Bedtime Stories" program. Come in your pjs, if you want, and bring a stuffed animal or favorite blanket! No registration necessary. (Library)

7. Comics Jam: Dave Burbank, our graphic novel guru, will lead our monthly "Comics Jam" program on Tuesday, October 2, at 4:00 p.m. Come read comics together on the big screen! The program concludes with Dave taking "drawing requests" from the audience. No registration necessary. (Library)

8. Walk to School Day - Wednesday, October 3: Celebrations will be held at five area schools: Takoma Park, Piney Branch, Rolling Terrace and East Silver Spring Elementary Schools and Takoma Park Middle School this coming Wednesday, October 3. Piney Branch, the National Media Site for the National Center Safe Routes to School, will host Deputy Secretary of Transportation John Porcari, who will present a special recognition award to the Takoma Park Safe Routes to School program. Mayor Williams and Chief Goldberg are expected to visit the three Takoma Park schools. City Councilmembers are invited to walk with the students. The Public Works Department and TTPD are providing support for the event. (Housing and Community Development)

9. Speakers Series: The popular "College Bound Speakers Series" begins Thursday, October 4. Dr. Herm Davis will offer guidance on college financing, including the FAFSA and more. Registration encouraged. 7:00 in the children's room. (Library)

10. National Visit a Park Day - October 5: Come join the Takoma Park Recreation Department as we support National Visit a Park Day. Enjoy an evening in the park while we provide exciting activities and games and don't forget to stop by the various community vendor booths as well. This free event will feature free food, great music and a 3-on-3 basketball tournament at the new Steve Francis Basketball Court. This fun filled family event will be held at the Takoma Piney Branch Neighborhood Park on Friday, October 5, beginning at 5:00 p.m. For additional information or to sign up for the 3-on-3 basketball tournament, please contact the Recreation Department at 301-891-7290. (Recreation)

11. Small Business Symposium - October 10: A free workshop on how small businesses can leverage social media to engage their clients and customers will be offered by Christopher King of King Connections, and Kim Pichot of Washington Adventist University, in partnership with the City of Takoma Park. Wednesday, October 10, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Azalea Room of the Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue. RSVP to wau.sife@gmail.com or call 301-960-5057. (Housing and Community Development)

12. New Ave Social - October 10: Save the Date for the next New Ave Social, 6 p.m. Wednesday, October 10, at Mid-Atlantic Seafood, 6500 New Hampshire Avenue. Meet your neighbors, chat about City initiatives on the New Ave, and sample tasty soul food treats. Snacks are on us, conversation is on you! <http://theNewAve.com/do/new-ave-social6> (<http://thenewave.com/do/new-ave-social6>). (Housing and Community Development)

13. Graphic Novel Primer: Parents and others interested in the booming popularity of graphic novels for kids and teens: mark your calendars for our "Graphic Novel Primer" program, which will be held on Wednesday, October 10 at 7:00 p.m. Dave Burbank, library assistant and graphic novel expert, will team with children's/teen librarian Karen MacPherson to give a bit of history about graphic novels, discuss the literary merits of graphic novels, and give a taste of some great new graphic novels for kids and teens. Registration encouraged so we can have enough chairs out for everyone. To register, go to: [www.takomapark.info/library/registration.html](http://www.takomapark.info/library/registration.html) or call us at 301-891-7259. (Library)

14. Zumba: With Kim Clark as an instructor and a get fit attitude, Zumba started a new session at Takoma Park Recreation Center. On Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. and Saturdays at 9:15 a.m., Kim leads everyone through a workout with hypnotic Latin, reggae and merengue rhythms and easy to follow moves. Kim has one goal for everyone - she wants you to "Join the Party" and "Dance the Inches Away." For more information, contact John Webster at 301-891-7289 or [johnw@takomagov.org](mailto:johnw@takomagov.org). (Recreation)

15. Community Garden: Imagine being able to take a seed, plant it, nurture it, and watch it grow into a full-fledged vegetable. Come enjoy the fun of the Community Garden on Saturdays at 8:30 a.m. at Takoma Park Recreation Center on New Hampshire Avenue. Come out and plant vegetables with us. For more information, contact John Webster at 301-891-7289 or [johnw@takomagov.org](mailto:johnw@takomagov.org). (Recreation)

16. Chess: On Fridays at 5:00 p.m. at Takoma Park Recreation Center, 6 to 17 year old children are invited to learn the finer points and nuances of the game of Chess. Chess serves as a mode for adolescents to increase their problem solving and reasoning skills. Learn about the chessboard, the various chess pieces and even how to put your opponent in checkmate with two moves. For more information, contact John Webster at 301-891-7289 or [johnw@takomagov.org](mailto:johnw@takomagov.org). (Recreation)

17. Senior Programs – Week in Review: This week Takoma Park seniors had a chance to take part in a variety of programs such as: tai chi, bingo, conversational English, flu shots and blood pressure checks, yoga, bone builders, and a workshop focusing on senior issues. Learn about more seniors programs by reading the monthly newsletter available at: <http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/recreation/seniors.html>. (Recreation)

18. Fall Class Spotlight – Aerobics: In this action packed class the music never stops with easy to follow moves that really get the heart pumping. In here, time flies and endorphins rise as your mind floats into a realm of strength and grace. There is no high like the aerobics high! Class is held on Mondays from 6:15 - 7:15 p.m. in the Dance Studio at the Takoma Park Community Center. Ages 16+. For additional information please contact Lew McAllister at [lewm@takomagov.org](mailto:lewm@takomagov.org). (Recreation)

19. Community Outreach Officer (Pfc. Carla Magnaye):

- On September 24, Officer Magnaye gave station tours for kindergarten classes. She conducted a security survey on Sycamore Avenue. She also held her RAD basic physical defense class.
  - On September 25, Officer Magnaye gave station tours for Kindergarten classes. She attended a Steering Committee crime prevention meeting.
  - On September 26, Officer Magnaye held her RAD basic physical defense class.
- (Police)

20. Crime Report: The most recent Takoma Park Police Weekly Crime Report (September 21-27, 2012) may be viewed online at [http://cathylevy.blogspot.com/2012/09/takoma-park-police-department-weekly\\_27.html](http://cathylevy.blogspot.com/2012/09/takoma-park-police-department-weekly_27.html). (Police)

21. Traffic Enforcement: Officers conducted at least 81 traffic stops, which resulted in citations, two vehicle impounds and one Driving Under the Influence (DUI) arrest from traffic.

During September 19-26, 2012, the following details were completed:

September 19, 2012

- Flower Avenue & Jackson Avenue (stop sign enforcement) – conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one warning.

September 21, 2012

- New Hampshire Avenue & Holton Lane (no u-turn/no left turn/red light enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued four State citations and one Driving Under the Influence (DUI) arrest from traffic.

September 23, 2012

- New Hampshire Avenue & Holton Lane (no u-turn) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued three warnings.

September 24, 2012

- Hilltop Road & Geneva Avenue (do not enter) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued 10 warnings.

September 25, 2012

- Flower Avenue & Garland Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued three State citations.

September 26, 2012

- 1000 Larch Avenue (stop sign/one way enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one State citation and one warning.
- Hilltop Road & Geneva Avenue (do not enter enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued seven warnings.
- Philadelphia Avenue & Piney Branch Road (red light enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued one State citation. (Police)

22. Traffic Officer Stats (Pfc. Walter Smith):

Week 9/24/12 – 9/27/12

State citations: 17

Calls for service: 17

Reports: 4

Safety Equipment Repair Order (SERO): 4

Warnings issued: 23

Court time: 2 hours

Field Investigative Reports (FIRs): 7

(Police)